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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

**Applicant:** Robert Siman, Donna Bozyczko-Coyne, Sheryl L. Meyer, and  
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**Title:** METHODS FOR DETECTING CELL APOPTOSIS

The prior application is assigned of record to Cephalon, Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 28, 1998 at Reel/Frame 9487/0111.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	23
Claims	7
Abstract	1
Signed Declaration [To Be Filed At A Later Date]	
Drawing(s)	6

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/967,625, filed November 12, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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In addition to the above-listed pages, the following items are also enclosed herewith:

- Preliminary Amendment
- Copy of Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status
- Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed April 29, 1998 in the parent application (to be entered into this application).
- Form PTO-1449 listing documents cited in the parent application(s). (Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials.)
- Sequence Listing Verification Statement, 2 pages.
- Return Postcard.

The present application is entitled to small entity status. Small entity status from the parent application is still proper. Applicant requests consideration of the enclosed preliminary amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

Basic filing fee	345.00
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9.00	243.00
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Fee for multiple dependent claims	130.00
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